

An Act to Make Additional Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of State Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Part A

Sec. A-1. Transfer of Excess Equity Retiree Health Insurance.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer any excess equity of the Retiree Health Insurance Fund associated with General Fund contributions not previously identified for transfer, Special Revenue Fund contributions and Enterprise Fund contributions to the General Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. Sixty percent in excess equity associated with the Highway Fund shall be transferred to the Highway Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the remaining forty percent transferred to the Highway Fund as unallocated surplus. Any other excess equity shall be transferred to the fund or entity of origin by June 30, 2005.

Part B

Sec. B-1. Allocations. There are allocated from the Highway Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2005, to the departments listed, the sums identified in the following, in order to provide funding for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in this preamble, this Act takes effect immediately.

SUMMARY

This bill does the following.

PART A

Part A authorizes certain transfers of excess equity of the Retiree Health Insurance Fund to the General Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account and Highway Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and to the Highway Fund unallocated surplus and other funds or entities of origin.

PART B

Part B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.